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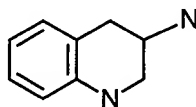
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2001, applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Election/Restriction

Responding to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-8), with traverse. At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Group I includes claims 1-12. However, applicant believes the Examiner intended Group I to include only claims 1-8, since claims 9-12 are included in Groups II-V. If Applicant is not correct, clarification from the Examiner is respectfully requested.

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it arguably may include claims to distinct or independent inventions. M.P.E.P. § 803. It is respectfully submitted that the compounds recited in claims 1-12 all possess the following amine-substituted bicyclic core structure.



Thus, the compounds recited in claims 1-12 can be searched and examined without serious burden on the Examiner. Furthermore, groups II-V are only consisting of four specific compounds.